

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 4. (canceled).

5. (previously presented): An airbag device having an inflator for generating gas and an airbag expandable by the gas, said airbag device comprising:

 a gas inflow port provided in the airbag through which the gas flows in,

 a vent hole provided in the airbag for discharging the gas flown in the airbag,

 a cloth-like piece connected to a vicinity of the vent hole at one end thereof, and to a vicinity of the gas inflow port at the other end thereof releasably,

 wherein said cloth-like piece does not close the vent hole in a state where the other end is retained, and closes the vent hole due to an internal pressure of the airbag in a state where the other end is released,

 a retaining device for retaining the other end of the cloth-like piece, and

 releasing means for releasing retention of the retaining device,

 wherein the retaining device has a retaining plate, and the releasing means implements releasing by forcibly deforming the retaining plate.

6. (original): The airbag device according to claim 5, wherein the releasing means implements releasing by forcibly deforming the retaining plate by a pressure generated by an explosive.

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7. (canceled).